GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3950
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USE OF PUNJABI LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjabi which is the State Language of Punjab is not used on any of the railway stations in Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for all the announcements are made in Hindi and all railway signs are in Hindi; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take on this issue ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir. As per the Official Language Policy of the Central Government Station Name Boards, Sign Boards and Notice Boards etc. are to be displayed in Hindi, Englishand respective regional language. Accordingly these are being displayed in Punjabi also on the stations which fall in the Punjab State. Further, announcements are also being made in Punjabi in addition to Hindi and English on the stations in Punjab state.

(b) to (d) does not arise.